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USDOCOSOUTH, MAY 5, FROM SECSTATE RPTD TO YOU:

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SUBJECT: MBFR: DRAFT BELGIAN STATEMENT

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1. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OPENING STATEMENTS PROVIDE MOST
ANODYNE VEHICLE AVAILABLE FOR EXPRESSION OF STRONGLY
HELD NATIONAL VIEWS OF SOME COUNTRIES. AT SAME TIME, WE
FEEL THAT SUCH NATIONAL VIEWS SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH
AGREED ALLIED POSITIONS OR PREJUDICE FUTURE ALLIED POSI-
TIONS. ACCEPTANCE BY ALLIES OF A DEGREE OF PRIOR COORDINA-
TION OF OPENING STATEMENTS IN AD HOC GROUP IN OUR VIEW
IMPLIES BROAD ALLIANCE RECOGNITION OF NEED TO AVOID

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SUCH CONFLICT. NEED IS PARTICULARLY URGENT IN CASE OF
BELGIUM, SINCE IT IS LIKELY TO SPEAK FIRST.

2. WE SHARE CONCERNS OF USDEL MBFR AND OTHER ALLIED REPS
THAT PROPOSED BELGIAN STATEMENT CONTAINED REF A APPEARS TO
GO CONSIDERABLY BEYOND NATO-- AGREED GUIDELINES AND AGENDA
PAPER ON SOME ISSUES AND TO PREJUDGE ALLIANCE POSITIONS ON
SOME OTHERS WHICH ARE OPEN. BELGIAN REFERENCE TO THE
" NECESSITY TO CONVINCING THE COUNTRIES OF OTHER CONTINENTS
TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE" AND UNDERTAKE SIMILAR REGIONAL ARMS
CONTROL MEASURES IS TRD LEADERS
FOR ASSOCIATING THEMSELVES WITH APARTHEID AND NOT DOING SOMETHING
TO CHANGE SA STATUS QUO, NTSANWISI DECLARED HE WANTED DIALOGUE
BETWEEN SAG AND RESPONSIBLE AFRICAN LEADERS WITH VIEW TO
HAMMERING OUT WORKABLE SOLUTION TO COUNTRY ' S RACIAL PROBLEMS.
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